

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A pillar trim structure, comprising:  
a vehicular pillar;  
a pillar trim for covering said pillar from an inner side of a compartment;  
a first retained member having its one end fixed on a vehicular widthwise ~~outer~~-face of said pillar trim and extended to said pillar and its other end retained in a first hole formed in said pillar; and  
a second retained member having its one end fixed on the vehicular widthwise ~~outer~~-face of said pillar trim and extended to said pillar and its other end retained in a second hole formed in said pillar,  
wherein engagements between said first retained member and said second retained member, and said pillar can be released by deforming said pillar trim to separate the other end of said first retained member and the other end of said second retained member from each other.

2. (Original) A pillar trim structure according to claim 1,  
wherein one end of said first retained member is fixed on a vehicular forward side of a vehicular longitudinal center portion of said pillar trim, and

wherein the one end of said second retained member is fixed on a vehicular backward side of the vehicular longitudinal center portion of said pillar trim.

3. (Currently Amended) A pillar trim structure according to claim 2,

wherein said first retaining member is ~~so far~~ extended from its one end fixed on said pillar trim, obliquely in one of forward and backward directions of a vehicle to a side of the pillar as it is retained in the first retaining hole,

wherein said second retaining member is ~~so far~~ extended from its one end fixed on said pillar trim, obliquely in the other direction of the vehicle to the side of the pillar as it is retained in the second retaining hole, and

wherein said second retaining hole is disposed on the vehicular backward side of said first retaining hole.

4. (Original) A pillar trim structure according to claim 1, wherein said first retained member is provided at its other end with a first retained pawl, which is extended backward of a vehicle and retained by said pillar, and

wherein said second retained member is provided at its other end with a second retained pawl, which is extended forward of the vehicle and retained by said pillar.

5. (Currently Amended) A pillar trim structure according to claim 4,

wherein said first retained pawl is provided ~~on an outer side of the vehicle~~ with a first slope, which is inclined forward of the vehicle as it extends toward ~~the~~ an outer side of the vehicle.

6. (Currently Amended) A pillar trim structure according to claim 4,

wherein said second retained pawl is provided ~~on an outer side of the vehicle~~ with a second slope, which is inclined backward of the vehicle as it extends toward ~~the~~ an outer side of the vehicle.

7. (Currently Amended) A pillar trim structure according to claim 1,

wherein said pillar trim is provided with an abutment member, which has its one end fixed on the vehicular widthwise ~~outer~~ face of said pillar trim and its other end abutting against said pillar with said first retained member and said second retained member being retained on said pillar.

8. (Currently Amended) A pillar trim structure according to claim 1,

wherein said pillar is provided with an abutment member, which has its one end fixed on ~~the~~a vehicular widthwise inner face of said pillar and its other end abutting against said pillar trim with said first retained member and said second retained member being retained on said pillar.

9. (Currently Amended) A pillar trim structure according to ~~claim 2~~claim 4,

wherein said pillar trim is provided, at its portion between the one end of said first retained member and the one end of said second retained member, with an abutment member, which has its one end fixed on the vehicular widthwise ~~outer~~ face of said pillar trim and its other end abutting against said pillar with said first retained member and said second retained member being retained on said pillar, and

wherein said pillar is clamped between the retained pawl of said first retained member and the retained pawl of said second retained member, and the other end of said abutment member.

10. (Currently Amended) A pillar trim structure, comprising:  
a vehicular pillar;  
a pillar trim for covering said pillar from an inner side of a compartment;

a ~~third~~-first retained member having its one end fixed on a vehicular widthwise ~~outer~~-face of said pillar trim and extended to said pillar and its other end retained in a ~~third~~-first hole formed in said pillar; and

a ~~fourth~~-second retained member having its one end fixed on the vehicular widthwise ~~outer~~-face of said pillar trim and extended to said pillar and its other end retained in a ~~fourth~~-second hole formed in said pillar,

wherein engagements between said ~~third~~-first retained member and said ~~fourth~~-second retained member, and said pillar can be released by deforming said pillar trim to bring the other end of said ~~third~~-first retained member and the other end of said ~~fourth~~-second retained member closer to each other.

11. (Currently Amended) A pillar trim structure according to claim 10,

wherein one end of said ~~third~~-first retained member is fixed on a vehicular forward side of a vehicular longitudinal center portion of said pillar trim, and

wherein the one end of said ~~fourth~~-second retained member is fixed on a vehicular backward side of the vehicular longitudinal center portion of said pillar trim.

12. (Currently Amended) A pillar trim structure according to claim 11,

wherein said ~~third~~first retaining member is ~~so far~~ extended from its one end fixed on said pillar trim, obliquely in one of forward and backward directions of a vehicle to a side of the pillar as it is retained in the ~~third~~first retaining hole,

wherein said ~~fourth~~second retaining member is ~~so far~~ extended from its one end fixed on said pillar trim, obliquely in the other direction of the vehicle to the side of the pillar as it is retained in the ~~fourth~~second retaining hole, and

wherein said ~~fourth~~second retaining hole is disposed on the vehicular backward side of said ~~third~~first retaining hole.

13. (Currently Amended) A pillar trim structure according to claim 10,

wherein said ~~third~~first retained member is provided at its other end with a ~~third~~first retained pawl, which is extended forward of a vehicle and retained by said pillar, and

wherein said ~~fourth~~second retained member is provided at its other end with a ~~fourth~~second retained pawl, which is extended backward of the vehicle and retained by said pillar.

14. (Currently Amended) A pillar trim structure according to claim 13,

wherein said ~~third~~first retained pawl is provided ~~on the~~  
~~outer side of the vehicle~~ with a ~~third~~first slope, which is  
inclined forward of the vehicle as it extends toward the outer side  
of the vehicle.

15. (Currently Amended) A pillar trim structure according to  
claim 13,

wherein said ~~fourth~~second retained pawl is provided ~~on the~~  
~~outer side of the vehicle~~ with a ~~fourth~~second slope, which is  
inclined backward of the vehicle as it extends toward ~~the~~an outer  
side of the vehicle.

16. (Currently Amended) A pillar trim structure according to  
claim 10,

wherein said pillar trim is provided with an abutment member,  
which has its one end fixed on the vehicular widthwise ~~outer~~-face  
of said pillar trim and its other end abutting against said pillar  
with said ~~third~~first retained member and said ~~fourth~~second  
retained member being retained on said pillar.

17. (Currently Amended) A pillar trim structure according to  
claim 10,

wherein said pillar is provided with an abutment member, which  
has its one end fixed on ~~the~~a vehicular widthwise inner face of

said pillar and its other end abutting against the vehicular widthwise outer side of said pillar trim with said ~~third~~first retained member and said ~~fourth~~second retained member being retained on said pillar.

18. (Currently Amended) A pillar trim structure, comprising:

~~a pair of~~first and second retained members each having its one end fixed on a pillar trim and its other end retained ~~on~~in a corresponding hole formed in a pillar, such that said first and second retained members engage, respectively, with first and second holes formed in said pillar,

wherein engagements between said first and second ~~paired~~ retained members and said pillar are released by deforming said pillar trim to change the angle of said ~~paired~~first and second retained members with respect to said pillar.

19. (Currently Amended) A pillar trim, comprising:

a cover member for covering a vehicular pillar from an inner side of a vehicular compartment, the cover member being made of a flexible material;

a first retaining member extending from the cover member and having an end portion thereof provided with a first surface that engages with a first hole formed in the vehicular pillar when the cover member is not deformed;



a second retaining member extending from the cover member and having an end portion thereof provided with a second surface that engages with a second hole formed in the vehicular pillar when the cover member is not deformed,

wherein the first surface and the second surface disengage from vehicular pillar by deforming the cover member.

20. (Original) A pillar trim according to claim 19, wherein the first surface and the second surface disengage from the vehicular pillar when the cover member is deformed such that the end portion of the first retaining member and the end portion of the second retaining member are separated further away from each other.

21. (Original) A pillar trim according to claim 19, wherein the first surface and the second surface disengage from the vehicular pillar when the cover member is deformed such that the end portion of the first retaining member and the end portion of the second retaining member become closer together.